

# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD

Chairman – LaMarr Anderson (01)	Melanie Glatt (03)	VACANT (06)	Kenneth Hoffman (10)
Vice Chair – Stephen Brown (08)	Alexandria Hoffman (04)	Adam Janski (07)	Thomas Bergey (11)
Amanda Salmon (02)	Jozef Slowik (05)	Misty O’Connor (09)	VACANT (12)

## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING  
DSJ BUILDING  
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM**

**November 20, 2024  
4:30 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL**

Mr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Members present and establishing a quorum were: LaMarr Anderson, Stephen Brown, Amanda Salmon, Melanie Glatt (via phone), Jozef Slowik, Misty O’Connor (@ 4:45 p.m.) and Thomas Bergey (left @5:48 p.m.)

Members absent and excused:

Members absent: Alexandria Hoffman, Adam Janski, Kenneth Hoffman

Staff present: Joseph Metzger, Land Management Division Manager

Suzanne Reilly, Asset Manager

Margie Cobb, Department Administrative Specialist

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Anderson requested switching the order for items A & B under “Items of Business. Agenda approved as with the change proposed.

**III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Limit 3 minutes)**

No audience participation.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The October 16, 2024 Minutes were approved as presented.

**V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**A. 2025 Board Schedule**

The 2025 Board Meeting Schedule was presented.

**B. Staff Report**

Ms. Reilly: West Conversion was approved by the Assembly on 11/19.

The Board’s newly appointment Youth Intern, Abby Raisanen was present. She will officially be on the board at the December meeting.

**C. Resolution 24-02: A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH (BOROUGH) AGRICULTURE ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDING THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ADOPT ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 24-115 WHERE THE BOROUGH HOLDS DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS; SUBDIVIDING TWO AGRICULTURAL PARCELS (320 ACRES)**

INTO THREE; REVISING THE ORIGINAL FARM PLAN AND ADDING A NEW FARM PLAN; CONSTRUCTING A TEMPORARY STRUCTURE ON THE PRIMARY HOME SITE AND A NEW RESIDENCE ON ONE OF THE NEW 40-ACRE PARCELS (MSB008116).

Staff Report: Ms. Reilly summarized the staff report; Ms Reilly & Mr. Metzger answered questions.

Mr. Bergey moved to approve this Resolution; Mr. Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Work Session Follow up – Title Changes  
*Investigate the feasibility of smaller parcels and more subdivisions and develop a recommendation to the Assembly while ensuring de minimis loss of agricultural land*

At 4:54 p.m. motion was made to go into Committee As A Whole by Mr. Brown; Mr. Bergey seconded.

At 6:01 p.m. motion was made to come out of Committee As A Whole by Ms. Salmon; Ms. O'Connor seconded.

VI. MEMBER COMMENTS (Limit to 3 minutes)

Ms. Glatt: Feels 10 acres is best; concerns regarding soils/ecological perspective, livestock; must have farm plan.

Ms. O'Connor: As the holidays approach, encouraged everyone to buy local gifts.

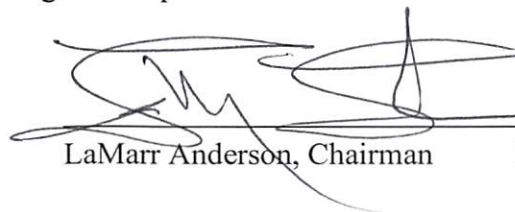
Ms. Salmon: Requested staff to get information from the Attorney on how this Board may be able to request the Assembly to approve the State Farm Tax Relief.

Mr. Metzger: Read the Borough Code relating to the responsibility of this Board; he interprets this as current Borough Ag Program owners (Title 13, Title 15 & Title 23).

VII. NEXT MEETING: December 18, 2024

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

  
LaMarr Anderson, Chairman      12/18/24  
DATE

ATTEST:



Margie Cobb

Department Administrative Specialist